

# STATE OF WASHINGTON BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS & RESERVE OFFICERS

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### August 15, 2008

The 214th regular meeting of the Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers was convened at 9:00 A.M. in Suite #207 in the James R. Larson Forum Building by Chair Ronald Ayres, with Board Member Ken Boad, Board Member Jay Hughes, Board Member Mark Watenpaugh, Board Member Martin Spani, Chief Stan Loertscher (Mason Co. FPD #13), Chief Jake Doty (East Pierce Fire and Rescue), Tammie Warnke (Washington State Firefighter's Association), Assistant Attorney General Kyle Crews, Executive Secretary Brigette Smith, and Confidential Secretary Nicole Stauffer present. TJ Nedrow (Washington State Firefighter's Association President) entered the meeting later.

The Board reviewed the June 13, 2008, regular meeting minutes. It was moved by Boad, seconded by Hughes and carried that the minutes be approved.

The agenda was reviewed.

#### FIRST HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

TJ Nedrow, Washington State Firefighter's Association (WSFFA) President, asked to speak with the Board. He stated this year's State Firefighter Memorial would be held on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol, with the Governor in attendance. He said that the Fire Protection Policy Board would be in charge of its organization.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed the most recent draft of the proposed WAC's regarding pension participation requirements and the definitions of firefighter, emergency worker, and reserve officer. Secretary Smith informed the Board that she researched other state retirement systems and their exceptions, and they seemed to follow the Family Leave Act. As a result, the exceptions to meeting the standards in this draft mirror the Family Leave Act allowances. It was moved by Spani, seconded by Watenpaugh, and carried that Secretary Smith begin the process to file the CR-102. As a part of the filing process, she will be required to schedule a hearing location, date, and time. The Board directed her to actually schedule two hearings; one on the west side of the state and one in the Yakima or Wenatchee area. Chief Jake Doty, East Pierce Fire and Rescue, volunteered the use of his station for the west side hearing.

Secretary Smith updated the Board on the status of the database replacement project. The contractor is working on building mock screens and a separate contractor has been hired to provide Quality Assurance services. She provided the project manager's monthly written progress reports for review. The project seems to be coming along well and is on track, and the office staff is pleased with how everything looks to date. She also informed the Board that it is possible that the scope of the project may increase before it is completed because new technologies are available that weren't available four years ago when the project began. It would be possible for departments to submit their remittances and do all of their reporting on-line and have it auto-populate the database. Features like that were not part of the original bid, and the staff is researching the cost to add them, since they would decrease the amount of time that both the departments and the state staff would have to spend on data entry.

The Board reviewed additional documentation submitted in the case of Mary Alice Jones, Spokane Co. FPD #13, attempting to prove service for the years 1975-1985. After reviewing both the previous and the additional

documentation, it was moved by Watenpaugh, seconded by Hughes, and carried that Firefighter Jones be granted service credit for January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1985.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed a request for a permanent partial disability award for Obadiah Bowman, City of Vancouver, for an injury received on August 5, 2007. It was moved by Hughes, seconded by Spani, and carried to grant Firefighter Bowman an award of \$7,114.00.

The Board reviewed a request for a permanent partial disability award for Michael McGregor, City of Ocean Shores. It was moved by Boad, seconded by Watenpaugh and carried to grant Firefighter McGregor an award of \$8,469.04 for his September 8, 2007 fire service injury, pending receipt of a signed invoice voucher.

The Board reviewed a contract entered into by Secretary Smith with Case Associates Incorporated to provide Quality Assurance oversight of the database replacement project.

The Board reviewed a contract entered into by Secretary Smith with Logicalis, Inc. to extend maintenance services of our current Access Database until January 31, 2009. It is the hoped that the new database will be functional by the end of January so that another extension will be unnecessary.

The Board reviewed Secretary Smith's leave and pay records.

The Board reviewed and approved (Boad moved, Spani seconded) the administrative expenditure vouchers numbered (1753-1793) and various travel vouchers.

There was a motion by Boad, seconded by Hughes, and carried that the retirement pensions and lump-sum settlements listed below be approved effective on the listed dates:

	÷	Effective	
		<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Allison, John	Chelan #5	5/23/08 J/S	257.10
Berlemann, Charles H.	North Whidbey	7/13/08	3,300.58 Lump
Bostwick, Vince	Thurston #11	10/6/07	142.50
Bradbury, Larry	Clallam #2	6/1/08	195.00
Bunting, Jerry	Yakima #3	9/6/08 J/S	230.10
Carlson, Elsie	Skagit #5	3/12/08	- 3,080.55 Lump
Carmick, Stephen T.	Riverside Fire Auth.	8/1/08 J/S	239.96
Carroll, Frederick L.	Prosser <sup>-</sup>	6/30/08	142.50 @ age 62
Cooper, Gary L.	Whitman #11	9/8/08 J/S	210.00
Daharsh, Michael F.	Okanogan #12	8/1/08 J/S	71.78
Donaldson, Jerry V.	Yakima #5	7/21/08 J/S	245.40
Filippi, Primo R.	King #10	6/14/08	3,371.15 Lump
Grill, Laura L.	Lewis #12	6/17/08	1,540.27 Lump
Harlan, Harold M.	Skagit #13	5/5/08	73.50
Huff, Lee Roy	Clark #11	2/14/08 J/S	67.68
Jacobson, Harold E.	Clallam #2	8/24/08	300.00
James, Jesse W.	Snohomish #17	8/26/08 J/S	191.52 @ age 62
Johnson, James E.	Kitsap #2	5/17/08	5,589.02 @ age 62
Keel, Marilyn I.	McCleary	6/21/08 SURV	183.52
Lels, Henry C.	Clallam #3	7/24/08	300.00
Lorenz, Jerry W.	Klickitat #8	5/14/08 J/S	85.70
Miller, Michael C.	Skagit #5	6/26/08	276.00 @ age 64

Milton, Darryl V.	Poulsbo	6/29/08	300.00
Palachuk, John G.	Selah	6/18/08	180.00 @ age 60
Ross, John E.	Chelan #1	8/22/08	112.50 @ age 60
Stafford, Robert E.	Concrete	6/10/08	300.00
Shill, Virginia A.	Klickitat #7	6/04/08	3,300.58 Lump
Smith, K. Herbert	Skagit #5	7/19/08 J/S	157.76
Smith, Thomas L.	Cent. Whidbey	7/21/08	300.00
Stone, George A.	Montesano	9/05/08	228.00 @ age 62
Timm, Juanita L.	Okanogan #8	5/30/08 SURV	6,089.91 Lump
Victor, Gerry	Garfield	8/16/08 J/S	261.00
Wagner, Clarence R.	No. Highline	4/21/08	187,20
Watson, Roland E.	Yakima #6	6/27/08 J/S	261.00
Wilde, Theone E.	Snohomish #5	5/17/08	3,960.70 Lump
Woodside, Roger A.	Thurston #12	7/20/08	2,465.79 Lump

## SECOND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None of the guests wished to speak.

There was a motion by Hughes, seconded by Boad, and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Brigette K. Smith, Executive Secretary